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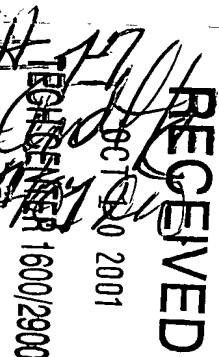
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FOR CPA APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please add Claims 24 through 36 as follows:

24. (New) A method of screening for therapeutic compounds effective in treating an inflammatory condition, comprising
adding a test compound to an assay system which measures an amount of alpha-9 integrin binding to an alpha-9 integrin ligand, and